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INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE CHURCH-YARD AT STRAWBERRY CHAPEL.

Copied by MABEL L. WEBBER[1]

The name of Strawberry was used for this locality on the Eastern side of the Western branch of the Cooper river, as early as July, 1698, when James Child had a grant of 1200 acres there; he early laid out a town at the bluff on the river, which he called "Childsberry Town," and in his will, dated October 29, 1718, he gave an acre and a half in the town, for a Church, or Chapel.

On December 9, 1725, an Act was passed for establishing a Parochial Chapel at Ease at Childsbury to the Parish Church in St. John's Parish, Berkeley County. The Chapel was built at the charge of several of the parishioners, on the land given by James Child in his will; it was of brick, and is the same building which stands to-day. The name of Childsbury soon disappeared, and the chapel has always, and still is, called Strawberry chapel. The burying ground is still in use.

A full account of Childsbury, with a plat of the town, and the Strawberry locality, written by Judge Henry A M.. Smith, will be found in this *Magazine*, vol. xiv, pages 198–203, and vol. xv, pages 107–112.

MURAL TABLETS

Elias Ball Esquire / Endeared to his friends / By his social qualities / Entitled to the gratitude / Of His / fellow parishoners / By his constant faithful / And Valuable exertions / In their service / And by his liberal benefactions / To Their Church / Died at Limerick in this parish / January 2nd A.D. 1810 / Aged 57 years / The members of this Church / In Testimony / of the respect and affection / with which they cherish / His memory / Have caused this tablet / To be erected.

Sacred to the memory of / William Bell White Howe D.D. / Lay Reader and Catechist in this parish / In 1845 and '46 / Deacon and assistant Minister in 1847 and '48 / Priest and Rector

[1] The copyist is greatly indebted to Mrs. Edward H. McIver for assistance in verifying the copies, and in getting to the isolated church yard.

1849–1859 / Consecrated to the Episcopate in Oct. 1871 / Our faithful Bishop until his death in Nov. 1894 / Endeared to this parish by his services and / The example of a Christ like life and Ministery / He was esteemed among us for his sound learning / His clear and eloquent preaching of the Gospel / and his devotion to the Church / [Then follows a quotation of four lines in Greek.]

This flock / mourns the loss / of the Rev'd Edward Thomas / Their late rector / a well learned, sound and practical Theologian / a successful instructor, a persuasive preacher / a patient and conscientious catechist / a true friend to them and their children / and / a lovely example of Christian kindness, meekness / moderation and heavenly mindness / He departed this life 11th July, 1840 / in the 40th year of his age / and the 16th of his ministry. [Quotation from Luke xii, 42, 43]

The Rev'd John Jacob Tschudy / was born in Phil. 7th June 1778 / and Died / in this parish 17th Sept. 1831 / Having served / in the capacity of its Rector / for nearly 23 years / This tablet is / erected to his memory by his Parishoners / He loved them / and sought to do them good / and though dead / He yet speaketh / Through the rememberance of his / virtues and humble Faith / (Removed from the ruins of Biggin Church 1857.)

BALL LOT

Inclosed by brick wall.

Sacred / To the Memory of Elias Ball / Lydia his wife & Isaac their Son / whose Bodies Lie interr'd beneath / the Bricks that support this Marble / Elias Ball was born at Comingtee the 22nd of Decem'r 1709 & died at / Kensington the 8th of August 1786 / Lydia Ball was a Daughter of / Isaac Child she was born at Childsbury / the 22nd of Sept'r 1721 & died / the 1st of April 1765 / Isaac Ball was born at Kensington / the 11th of May 1754 & died / 5th of January 1776.

Sacred to the Memory / of / John Ball / youngest son of / Elias and Lydia Ball / born at Comingtee / St. Johns Parish / the 10th day of July A.D. 1760 / Died in Charleston on the / 29th day of October 1817 / aged 57 years 8 months & 19 Days / . . .

Sacred to the Memory of / Elias Ball / Eldest son of Elias and / Lydia Ball / born at Kensington St. John's / Parish Berkley County / on the 10th day April A.D. 1752 / and Died at Limerick

his place of / residence in the said Parish / The 2nd day of January A.D. 1810 / Aged 57 years, 8 months and 23 days / . . . .

. . . . Jane Ball / the much loved wife of / John Ball / who died the 5th Oct'r 1804 / aged 43 years & 6 mos./ . . . .

Sacred to the Memory / of / Isaac Ball / Third son / of / John and Jane Ball / Born at Kensington / in this Parish / September 6th 1785 / and departed this Life in Charleston / December 2nd. 1825.

Sacred / to the Memory / of Alwyn Ball / late of Elwood in this Parish / Died at Charleston / on the 5th of July 1835 / In the 28th year of his age / . . . .

. . . . John Ball / who died June 1834 / aged 52 years / A good Man a kind Neighbor / an unostentatious Patriot. / He discharged properly every duty of / Life to himself his family and / the Public. . . . .

Sacred / To the Memory of / Our Mother / Ann Ball / who departed this Life / on the 25th June 1840 / in the 65th year of her age.

. . . . Hugh Swinton / Ball / of Mepshew House / in this Parish / He was the second / Son of / John and Caroline Ball / of Kensington / Born at Charleston / on the 18th Oct. 1808 / and perished on board / the steamer Pulaski / on the night of / the 14th June 1838 / This Monument is erected / to Him and his Wife / in grateful rememberance / by an affectionate / Brother. [Other side same monument].

In / Memory / of Anna Elizabeth Ball / Consort of / Hugh Swinton Ball / and Daughter of / Walter Channing Esq. / Merchant of Boston, Mass. / Born at Newport R. I. / on the 25th Nov. 1809 / and Perished with her / Husband / on the 14th June / 1838.

Francis Guerin / Infant Son of / Isaac and M. L. Ball. [No date]

Wm. McBurney / Infant Son of / Isaac and M. L. Ball. [No date]

William James / Ball / fell asleep / June 15, 1880 / In his 38th year / . . . .

Julia Ball / Died July 12th 1858 / Aged 34 years, 7 Months / and 22 Days / . . . .

John Gibbes / Shoolbred / Born / October 31, 1842 / Died / May 1, 1900 / . . . .

William James Ball / of Limerick Plantation / in this Parish / Oct. 14, 1821—April 26, 1891 / . . . .

Our / Precious Baby / Horry Deas Simons. Third son of Lewis & Ann S. Simons. / Born Oct. 18, 1860 / Died January 11, 1861 / Aged 2 months / and 24 Days /.

Our / Angel Annie / Ann Hume Simons / eldest daughter of / Lewis and Ann S. Simons / Born Nov. 15, 1851 / Died December 13, 1860 / Aged 9 years and 28 Days.

Our / Darling Frank / Francis Waring Simons / Eldest son of Lewis and Ann S. Simons / Born April 21st, 1853 / Died December 24, 1860 / Aged 7 Years 8 Months and 4 Days.

Isaac Ball / Eldest son of Isaac & Eliza / C. Ball / who departed this Life / in Charleston on the / 11th October 1824 / aged 6 years and 12 days / . . . .

Edward Ball / the vth son of / John & Jane Ball / was born July 3d, 1788 / in Charleston & died / there August 21, 1796 /

Francis Guerin / son of William J. and Julia Ball / Died Sept. 26th 1850 / Aged 6 months / and 13 Days.

. . . . Elias Ball M.D. / who departed this life / on the 26th of September / 1834 / aged 29 years, 6 months, 9 days / and of his Wife / Catherine Cordes / Ball / youngest daughter of / William & Caroline Dawson / she departed this life on / the 4th August 1832 / Aged 21 years and 4 Months.

John Ball / Died 11th July 1854 / aged 26 years 10 Months / and 10 Days . . . .

. . . . Catherine Theus / who fell asleep in Jesus / July 7th 1866 / Aged 53 Years / 6 Months / and 10 Days / . . . .

John Coming / Son of / J. C. & A. H. Ball / Born Oct. 27, 1878 / Died Nov. 26, 1878.

Sacred / To the Memory of / Henry Deas Deas / Born March 26, 1853 / Died May 27, 1877 / . . . .

. . . . Francis Malbone / Waring / who was born / in Newport R. I. / June 8th. 1804 / and Died in Charleston / July 15th 1837 / aged 33 years / 1 month 7 days /

[Same monument] . . . . Lydia Jane Waring / consort of Francis M. Waring / who was born in Charleston / December 24th 1807 / and Died at Comingtee / April 18th 1841 / aged 33 Years 3 Months / and 24 days.

[Same] In Memory / of / Francis Malbone / third Son of / Francis M. and L. Jane / Waring / who was born / in Charleston / April 11th 1836 / and died in Cordesville / September 23rd. 1850 / aged 14 years 5 months / and 12 Days.

. . . . Elizabeth Ball / Wife of / John Ball / of Comingtee / Who died in Charleston / September 22nd. A.D. 1812 / aged 28 years 6 mos. & 17 Days / . . . .

Sacred / to the Memory of / Isaac / son of / John and Maria Louisa / Ball / who died 1st Sept. / 1847 / aged 29 Days.

. . . . Mathurin Guerin / Son of / John and Maria Louisa / Ball / who died Jan. 26th 1852 / aged 15 Months / and 4 days.

William James / Ball / Fell asleep / June 15th 1880 / In his 38th Year / . . . .

. . . . Catherine Theus / wife of / William James Ball / Daughter of / M. G. & M L.. Gibbs / Nov. 19, 1843 / Sept. 28, .9.0.

. . . . John Coming Ball / who was born / in Charleston / September 11, 1812 / and died at Strawberry / May 19th 1845 / Aged 32 years 8 months / and 8 Days.

. . . . Elias Ball / 2d Son of / John and Jane Ball / who died / at Kensington the 28th of / March 1797 aged / 13 Years / and 28 Days / . . . .

. . . . Eliza Catherine Ball / eldest daughter of / Isaac and Eliza C. Ball / who departed this life / In Charleston on the 26th February 1824 / aged 4 years 1 month / and 19 Days / . . . .

Julia Ball / Died July 12th 1858 / aged 34 years 7 months / and 22 Days.

Ann Hume Ball / March 16th 1857 / March 24, 1914.

Katherine Gibbs / Daughter of / Elias & Mary M. / Ball / Jan. 1, 1915 / Mar. 4, 1918. [This stone is just outside the Ball inclosure.]

Just in front of the church is a large tomb, in a very bad state of repair, which has no other inscription than the one name "Harleston."

CORBETT-HARLESTON-LAURENS LOT

Inclosed by a brick wall.

Sacred / to the Memory / of / Mrs. Margaret Corbett / Wife of / Thomas Corbett Esq. / who departed this life / on the 28th of November 1819 / in the 70th year of her age / . . . .

Sacred to the Memory of / Thomas Corbett Esq / Born at Bridgnorth, Shopshire England / Died at Charleston 11th November 1814 / AE 71 years 8 months / . . . .

Mrs. Elizabeth Corbett / Born January 5th 1778 / Died September 17th 1837 / . . . .

. . . . Thomas Corbett / Departed This Life / on 31st July 1850 / In the 80th Year of his age / . . . .

. . . . Richard Corbett M.D. / Died 15th November 1825 / aged 24 Years

. . . . John H. Corbett / Died 11th May 1855 / aged 56 years / and 3 months.

. . . . Thomas Corbett Jr. / Born July 14th 1807 / Died June 26th 1846 / aged 38 years 10 months / and 12 Days / . . .

Richard Corbett / Laurens M.D. / Died 24th Nov. 1855 / aged 29 Years.

Lucy Laurens / Died March 20th 1855 / Aged 26 years / and — months / and Her Infant Daughter / . . . .

Frederick Laurens / aged 5 Months / [no date].

. . . . Miss Elizabeth Harleston / Born / November 1st. 1747 / Died 13th November 1830.

Emma Irving / Wife of / John Beaufain Irving / born January 15th / 1805 / Died June 30th 1867.

. . . . Major Isaac Child / Harleston / of / the Continental Army / Born / October 9th 1745 / Died January 20th 1798 / . . . .

. . . . Hierom (?) Hutchinson / departed this Life / December 28th 1820 / aged 27 years and 11 months.

HARLESTON LOT

. . . . Edward Harleston / Born / Dec. 20, 1835 / Died / Oct. 30 1891.

The grave / of / my wife / Elizabeth Serena / Harleston / who died 10th April 1850 / and our little daughter Lieze Barksdale / who died 29th April 1851 / . . . .

Frank Huger / Harleston / Captain 1st Regt. S. C. Artillery / Regulars / Born Dec. 9th 1839 / Killed at Fort Sumter / November 24th 1863 / Aged 23 years, 11 months / and 17 Days.

This Slab / Is intended to mark / where the body of the late / James Burn Harleston lies / He died on the 21st of September 1828 / In the 24th year of his age / The remains / of his departed ancestry / are deposited on each side / of this spot.

Thomas Cordes Harleston / Died in Summerville / 27th Aug. 1890 / in the 70th year / of his age.

Nicholas / The Posthumous Son of the 2d / Nicholas Harleston / of Bossis in this Parish / of St. John's Berkley / He was born on the 24th day of July 1768 / about 6 months after the decease of his father / and died on the 3rd day of Oct. 1832.

Sacred to the Memory of / Ann Olney Harleston / the wife of the above Nicholas / who died on the 14th day of April 1813 / aged 42 years.

Our Brother / Nicholas Harleston / second son and fourth child of / Posthumous Nicholas / of Bossis / in the parish of St. John's Berkley / He died at Bossis on the 28th of Novr. 1853 / in the Fifty Fourth Year / of his age.

. . . . Susan Sommers Harleston / Third child and second daughter / of / Posthumous Nicholas / of Bossis / born 20th July 1798 / died 21 July 1850.

. . . . William Harleston / who departed this life on the 26th of / March 1816 / aged 59 years / . . . .

Col. J. M. Harleston / Born Jan. 1, 1819 / Died April 4, 1895.

NELSON LOT

Inclosed by cement wall.

Theodore Barker Nelson / Born Oct. 27, 1877 / Died / Feb. 22, 1911

Annie Nelson Roessler / Jan. 10, 1869 / Jan. 16, 1909 / Mother.

Andrew J. Nelson / Dec. 5, 1870 / Nov. 21, 1902.

William A. / Nelson / June 27, 1883, / Oct. 4, 1900.

Peter Nelson / Oct. 29, 1839 / Jan. 31, 1916. / Maren Kirstine / Hansen / His Wife / Mar. 1, 1843 / Fev. 8, 1893.

P. Du Gue Nelson / July 4, 1874 / Nov. 24, 1904.

OTHER GRAVES, NOT IN INCLOSED LOTS

. . . . James F. Bruce / mill wright and Engineer / a native of Scotland / who died at Dean Hall / on the 7th March 1835 / aged 35 years / . . . .

Here lieth the Body of / the Rev'd Mr. Dan'l Dwight A.M. / Late Rector of the Parish of St. John / who Departed this life in Peace 28th / of March 1748 and Died in the / Safe Communion of the Church / of England in which he lived / Constantly Endeavouring to Recommend / its Constitution to all who were Disaffected or Strangers to it.

. . . . James Gallavant / born August / 11th 1788 / departed / this life / 27th January 1831.

Henry Poyas Gibbs / Died Dec'r 10th 1856 / Aged 10 years 8 months / and 21 Days.

John Ernest Gibbs / Died Nov'r 10th 1857 / Aged 26 Years 8 Months / and 8 Days / . . . .

. . . . Adeline Gilmore / A native of Manilius, N. Y. who fell asleep in Jesus / at Hyde Park in this Parish / on New Years Day / 1855 / Aged 30 years / . . . .

. . . . Samuel Gourdin / who departed this life / on the 1st of August 1829 / In the 32d Year of his age.

In Memory / of Willis Hatnes / Born / March 20th 1810 / Died / October 16th 1847 / This / Marble to his / Memory / is here placed.

Dr. Henry McAlpin Holmes / Born 1st May 1790 / Died 18th January 1851.

Julia Gibbes Holmes / Daughter of / Dr. Henry M. and Eliza F. Holmes / born 10 March 1836 / Died 28th January 1840.

. . . . Sarah Ingraham / wife of H. L. Ingraham / and Daughter of / Wm. L. & H. C. Moultrie / Dec. 11, 1838 / May 4, 1910.

H. L. Ingraham / Died July 9, 1878 / aged 41 years / . . . .

. . . . John Henry Ingraham / Died at his Plantation / the Fishpond / The 4th May, 1849 / After a short illness /

. . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline McAlpin / who departed this Life / Nov'r 14th A.D. 1808 / aged 19 Years and 9 Months / also / near this place is her Brother / Walter Byrne / who departed this Life / Oct'r 3d. 1815 / in the 23d year of his age / Both natives of London England.

Henry DeLisle / Mazyck / Son of / H. B. and Ceocelia M. / Mazyck / born 29th August 1856 / Died 1st October 1857 / aged 2 Years / 1 Month / and 2 Days.

. . . . Mary Louisa / Daughter of the / Rev. Albert A Mueller / and Frances Mary his wife / She was born on the / 31st of August 1818 / and died July 25th / 1819 / aged 10 Months / and 2 days / . . . .

Sacred to the Memory / of / Alexander Nisbett Esq. / who departed this Life at / Dean-Hall / on the 27th January A.D. 1813 / in the 42d / year of his age.

. . . . William Patterson / who died / on the 18th of June 1828 / In the 65th year of his age / And his four sons / [All infants, inscriptions not taken]

Mary P. Tucker / wife of / T. G. Prioleau / Born March 2, 1869 / Died November 6, 1890.

. . . . Thomas G. Prioleau / Son of Thomas G. and Abbabella / Prioleau / Born 11th Sept. 1849 / Died 16th July 1850 / Aged 10 Months / and 5 Days.

Thomas G. Prioleau / June 8, 1851 / Nov. 23, 1910.

. . . . Edward Harleston / Quash / who departed this life / April 27th 1858 / Aged 29 years 6 Months / and 18 Days / . . . .

. . . . Robert Hasell Quash / who departed this life / on the 11th of March 185– / aged 31 years / and 26 days.

. . . . Ann Louisa Rivers / third Daughter of Gracia Rivers Esq / She was born on the 12th of December 1799 / and died the 8th of September / 1814 Aged 14 years 5 / Months and 4 Days / . . . .

Ann Porcher / daughter of / S. P. & E. C. Stoney / Born May 7, 1877 / Died Oct. 5 / 1877.

. . . . P. Gaillard Stoney / Born Sept. 28, 1809 / Died / July 27 / 1884.

S. DuBose / son of / P. G. and A. M. Stoney / Born May 7, 1833 / Died Feb. 16th. 1847.

To the Memory of / Thomas Gadsden / Youngest Child of / The Rev'd Edward and Jane M. Thomas / who died on the 22nd / of April 1810 / aged 1 year and 4 months.

Caroline Prioleau / wife of Maham H. Tucker / Born October 31st 1864 / Died June 26th 1884 / . . . .

Maham H. Tucker / Born April 16th 1861 / Died Aug. 4th. 1888.

. . . . Elizabeth C. / wife of Dr. John B. Waring / Born April 5, 1830 / Died Dec. 29, 1884 / Aged 54 years 8 mos. / 24 days.

. . . . Martha S. / wife of J. B. Waring / Born Oct. 23, 1848 / died July 18, 1897.

. . . . Dr. John B. Waring / born Jan. 20, 1829 / Died Nov. 18, 1865 / Aged 36 years, 9 mos / 29 days.

Mrs. Mary E. Wondrum / wife of / Samuel R. Wondrum / who died . . . ./ on the 24th June 1844 / aged 46 years/ . . . .